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City of West Linn Robinwood Neighborhood Association (RNA, RN to be used for Robinwood Neighborhood) Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 9/9/08

Kevin Bryck, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Scott Sandie, RNA Treasurer, noted that the RNA fiscal year account balance was \$2037.61. The August 2008 RNA meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Items Discussed

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R)

A TVF&R representative noted that construction of the new fire station in the Bolton neighborhood would begin in Spring 2009. In addition, the firehouse is expecting to procure a new fire engine within the next three weeks. The representative also mentioned that a TVF&R levy would be on the November ballot (specifically, a five-year renewal of the existing levy). He also reminded the attendees that the TVF&R provides free smoke detector services.

School Bonds on November Ballot

Michele Beyer and Dale Hoogestraat, co-chairs for the West Linn/Wilsonville School Bond Measure Committee, spoke about the two school bonds to be appearing on the November ballot. Monies from one bond would be used for many things, primarily to maintain employment for 160 staff. Monies from the other bond would be used for site expansion, site maintenance, technology upgrades, and kitchen/library upgrades, amongst other things. The audience posed the following questions to the speakers:

- What's the cost/sq.ft. of a new school? (answer: \$300-350)
- What portion of the 'maintenance' bond is for deferred maintenance? (answer: about 10%)
- What is the value of the unused land owned by the school system? (answer: 2 properties that the school system had held, recently sold for \$29M (\$800K more than the purchase price)).

Mary S. Young State Park - Ivy Removal

Attendees approved a motion (23 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 3 abstentions) to commit \$300 in RNA monies to purchase shrubs to fill the voids created by ivy removal.

Johnson Property

Terry Pennington noted that the Johnson's have agreed to sell the land to the city.

Shady Hollow Drive Property

Planning Commission will consider the Zone Change to 4.5 at its 9/17/08 meeting (this zoning will allow for business facilities, duplexes, and triplexes, with the city looking to limit it to duplexes). Attendees recommended that use be limited to residential units (single-family, detached and duplex units only), with a 25 foot 'buffer' between properties. Attendee and resident who owns home near the site in question, Nancy Daum, noted that she opposed the zone change as that area has historically been single family housing.

A motion then passed (15 in favor, 4 in opposition, 4 abstentions) requesting that the City of West Linn Planning Commission (PC) simultaneously consider the zone change and comprehensive plan map change at 18270 and 18340 Willamette Drive and 18395 Shady Hallow Way (on the 9/17/08 PC meeting agenda) and the planned unit development application for these lots. The simultaneous assessment will allow the city and neighborhood to more adequately assess the impact to the lots and surrounding area of the development. The neighborhood is opposed to the ratification of the zone change and comprehensive plan map change applications without this simultaneous assessment.

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Use of Old Fire Station on Cedar Oak Drive

Attendees approved a motion (20 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 1 abstention) to commit \$50 in RNA monies to facilitate the process to use the old fire station as a neighborhood rec center.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Mike Kapigian noted that he would be running for WL mayor.
- Teri Cummings and Kathleen Conroy noted that she would be running for WL city council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Minutes authored by Scot Sandie, RNA Secretary

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